# Notice of 60-day Covered Electronic Recycler Open Application Period

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("CT DEEP") hereby announces its plan to open the application period for all prospective electronic recyclers interested to become a Connecticut-approved Covered Electronic Recycler ("CER") pursuant to section 22a-638-1(b)(2)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA"). Also, during this application period, all <u>currently approved CERs</u> shall submit, in writing, for the commissioner's consideration and approval or denial proposed fees pursuant to RCSA section 22a-638-1(b)(5)(B).

# The application period will be open for 60 days, beginning on Monday, December 9, 2013 and ending at the close of business on Friday, February 7, 2014.

The purpose of opening the application period annually is to:

- 1) seek applications from new recyclers that wish to become a CER under the <u>State-wide</u> <u>Electronics Recycling Program</u>;
- 2) maintain a competitive marketplace to ensure that CER prices are consistent with prevailing rates charged in the industry; and
- 3) seek proposed fees from existing CERs.

[NEW REVISION/ ADDITION OF PARAGRAPH - 12/23/13] IMPORTANT NOTE: Any recycler that submits a complete application on or before the close of business of January 8, 2014 may be given by DEEP, the ability to supplement its application materials by the February 7<sup>th</sup> deadline if DEEP has the time to review the application and DEEP seeks additional information from the applicant. If the application is submitted after January 8, 2014, then DEEP does not plan to seek supplemental information from any applicant and the applicant may be denied if the application is not approvable without the need for additional information.

DEEP may deny any application that is not complete, and DEEP may not seek any additional information if the application materials are not filled out completely and accurately, clearly written and self-explanatory.

#### **Prospective Recyclers**

Please note that it is critical to ensure that your application submittal is complete with ALL of the required information. CT DEEP encourages recyclers to submit their application materials as early as possible, but not later than the deadline of February 7, 2014. It is not anticipated that any applicant or CER will be able to revise their submission or proposed fees after this deadline.

Please note below a partial list of common deficiencies identified in previous submissions to CT DEEP from prospective recyclers:

- Missing detailed descriptions of activities including process flow (chart) that identifies ALL upstream collection points and downstream partners that CERs plans to work with to recycle or dispose CEDs or components of CEDs;
- 2) Missing Attachment D forms for certain recycling or disposal facilities that receive "materials of concern";
- 3) Missing detailed descriptions of waste or residue generated from recycling processes;
- 4) Missing evidence of minimum insurance coverage (including Commercial General Liability and Pollution Legal Liability), closure plan and financial assurance, as applicable; and
- 5) Missing Compliance History information on CER and all upstream or downstream partners.

## Fees/ Pricing

See the current list of <u>7 Approved CERs and Fees</u> for recycling and separation. In short, the previously approved prices for recycling ranged from \$0.25 to \$0.38 per pound, and \$0.20 to \$0.30 for separation. The previously approved prices are subject to change following recalculation, based on the prices proposed by the CERs following this open application period. Any prospective or existing CER may be denied or have its approval revoked based on the prices proposed during this open application period.

### **Existing CERs**

Existing CERs are only required to submit new proposed fees. New applications or renewals are not required for existing CERs. If changes to the existing application are planned, the approval shall be modified in accordance with the modification process in RCSA 22a-638-1(b)(8)&(9).

For additional information including recycler application forms and detailed application instructions, please visit CT DEEP's website at <a href="www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste">www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste</a> or contact Mark Latham via email at <a href="mark.latham@ct.gov">mark.latham@ct.gov</a> or by phone to (860) 418-5930.